



FREMONT BUSINESS INCENTIVES AND RESOURCES

Thank you for *Thinking Fremont*! Here are some examples of how we can help your business grow in our community. To learn more about any of these programs call our office at (510) 284-4020 and we will be happy to assist you.

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

- **Impact Fee Reductions**

In order to promote development in our community we have reduced development impact fees until the end of 2012. There is currently a 10% reduction in impact fees citywide, a 25% reduction for development projects in the Central Business District (CBD), and 50% in the City's Downtown District.

- **Impact Fee Deferral & State Community Infrastructure Program (SCIP)**

The City now collects impact fees at the time of occupancy, rather than at time of building permit issuance. We also participate in the SCIP program to offer an alternative financing program for these fees, conserving capital during construction.

- **Clean Technology and Biotechnology Business Tax Exemption**

If your firm is engaged in the research and development and/or manufacturing of qualified clean technologies or biotechnologies, you may be exempt for up to five years of business license fees.

- **Foreign Trade Zone**

Companies using Fremont's Foreign Trade Zone are able to delay, reduce or eliminate customs duties on imported goods. Merchandise stored, manufactured or assembled within the Zone area is considered to be international commerce.

- **Site Selection and Streamlined Permitting Assistance**

Whether you are looking for your first location, or room to grow, our staff can assist you in finding the right site in Fremont. Once you find the site, our office will serve as your liaison as you go through any permitting process, ensuring the process is as efficient as possible. In addition to this personalized service, we also offer a real estate inventory search feature on www.ThinkFremont.com.

- **No Utility User Tax**

The City of Fremont does not have Utility User Tax on services such as electricity, gas and water, which saves any business money just by locating in Fremont!

BUSINESS RESOURCES

- **Business Appreciation Program**

Economic Development staff, along with city leaders, visit with Fremont businesses throughout the year to learn about issues affecting the business climate and how the City can help. It is also an excellent opportunity to educate staff and elected officials about operations and product(s) so we can better serve you on an on-going basis.

- **Local Business Purchasing Preference**

We want to support local firms and provide a preference of 2.5% to Fremont firms that respond to city bid proposals. Learn more about how your firm can register by contacting the Purchasing Services Office at (510) 494-4620.

- **Green Business Programs**

Fremont partners with various environmental agencies and utilities to offer programs for reducing and preventing waste. Participating businesses may be eligible to receive grants, loans, technical assistance and free product marketing.

www.fremont.gov/environment

- **Shop Fremont! Marketing**

Let us help advertise your business for free. We can create and host online coupons for you, as well as provide free “Shop Fremont” bags for your business. www.ShopFremont.biz

- **Fremont Chamber of Commerce**

This membership organization acts as a lobbyist for business, achieving a positive business and regulatory climate; delivers quality services and programs which are innovative and responsive to member needs; and serves as a leader in the community as an incubator for leadership development. www.fremontbusiness.com

- **Industrial Development Bonds**

Manufacturing and technology firms may qualify for California’s Industrial Development Bond financing, a low-interest financing program for the acquisition of buildings or capital equipment. www.treasurer.ca.gov/cidfac/idb.asp

- **Employment Training Panels Funds**

This state program provides funds to offset the costs of job training necessary to maintain a competitive workforce and we have helped several Fremont companies successfully obtain these funds. www.etp.ca.gov

- **Workforce Development**

We partner with the Alameda County Workforce Investment Board to provide services such as employment, training, education, and layoff aversion strategies to employers and job seekers.

- **Go-Biz – California Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development**

The Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is a single point of contact for statewide economic development and job creation efforts. www.business.ca.gov

